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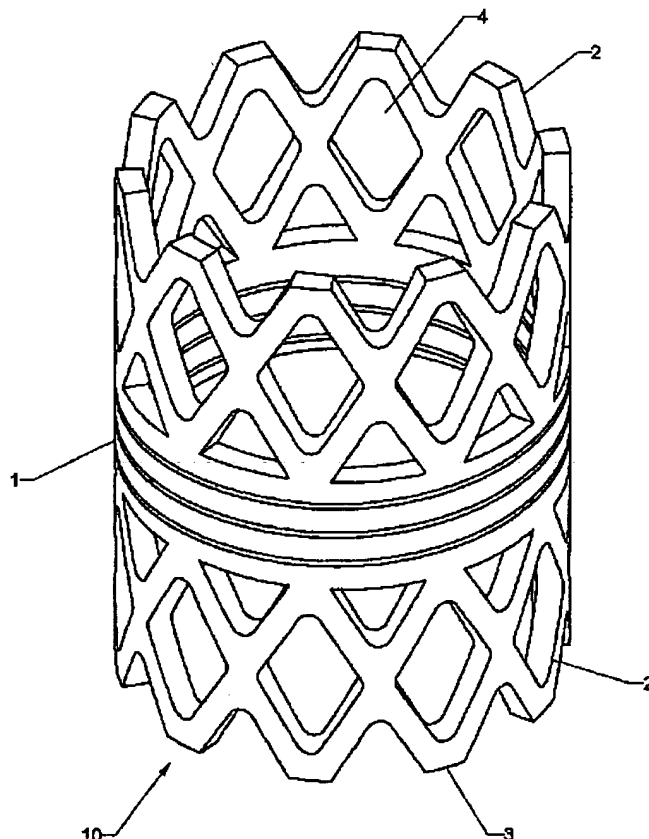
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(54) Title: FLEXIBLE IMPLANT



(57) Abstract: Implant for temporary or permanent introduction into a human or animal body of at least one biocompatible material with a shape that is oriented to fulfill one or more first functions, characterized by the fact that the shape has one or more areas (1, 18) in which, as second function, elasticity or mobility is provided, with the implant having material recesses (7, 19) in the area or areas which serve to locally reduce rigidity and are provided in addition to the shape caused by the first functions.

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